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SUBJECT: UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA VISITS TANZANIA

1. SEAN MCBRIDE, UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, VISITED TANZANIA JULY 17-21. HE HELD TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA, SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES IN DAR ES SALAAM, AND OFFICIALS WITH AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE. HE DEPARTED DAR ES SALAAM FOR KINSHASA AND WILL VISIT CAIRO AND ALGIERS BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW YORK.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, MALECELA REPORTEDLY TOLD MCBRIDE THAT TANZANIA ADVOCATES TRANSFER OF OFFICES OF UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA FROM NEW YORK TO LUSAKA. MALECELA NOTED IT IS IMPORTANT FOR COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE TO BE CLOSE TO PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA IF ITS WORK IS TO BECOME MORE MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE. MCBRIDE ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE HE INTENDS TO MOVE HIS HQ

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TO LUSAKA BEFORE END OF YEAR. HE ALSO EXPECTS TO OPEN OFFICE IN

ANGOLA FOR PURPOSE OF ISSUING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO NAMIBIANS NOW IN ANGOLA.

3. MCBRIDE FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT UN WILL BUILD \$8.5 MILLION MULTI-PURPOSE RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA IN LUSAKA BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR. INSTITUTE WILL TRAIN ABOUT 50 NAMIBIANS TO FORM NUCLEUS OF CIVIL SERVICE IN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. MCBRIDE AND INSTITUTE IS INTENDED TO OPERATE FOR 5 YEARS BUT "WE EXPECT NAMIBIA TO BE FREE SOONER." AFTER INDEPENDENCE INSTITUTE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO WINDHOEK. BOARD OF CONTROLLERS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM SWAPO AND OAU. UK, FRANCE, US, FRG, DENMARK, HOLLAND, AND SWEDEN HAVE REPORTEDLY OFFERED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTE.

4. COMMENT: LOCAL SWAPO OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT INSTITUTE WILL BE OPEN TO SWAPO MEMBERS AS WELL AS OTHER NAMIBIANS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SWAPO IS IN FAVOR OF PROJECT.
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